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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM

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1. THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS ARE KEYED TO THE QUESTIONS IN PARA 5  
OF REFTEL:

5A - QUESTION - IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS WHEN  
NEW COSTS BECOME KNOWN.

ANSWER - NONE

5B - QUESTION - WHICH TYPES OF TRAINING OR SPECIFIC COURSES ARE  
OF GREATEST INTEREST TO HOST GOVERNMENT/MILITARY? IS HOST  
GOVERNMENT NOW PAYING FOR SUCH TRAINING, OR ARE THEY LIKELY  
TO PAY IN FUTURE AT NEW PRICES? IF NOT, HOW WILL THEY MEET  
THIS TRAINING REQUIREMENT?

ANSWER - TECHNICAL COURSES CONCERNING THE OPERATION AND MAIN-  
TENANCE OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FROM THE U.S. SPECIALIZED  
OFFICER COURSES - COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF, WAR COLLEGE,  
AEROSPACE MEDICINE, NAVY POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL AND AFIT.

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AUSTRALIA PAYS ALL COSTS THROUGH FMS. THEY WILL DO SO IN THE

FUTURE, EVEN AT NEW PRICES.

5C - QUESTION - WHICH TYPES OF TRAINING OR SPECIFIC COURSES ARE OF GREATEST BENEFIT TO U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST IN TERMS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS OR OTHER FACTORS, ARE THESE NOW BEING PROVIDED UNDER GRANT ASSISTANCE? IF COSTS DOUBLE, CAN ESSENTIAL GRANT PROGRAM BE CONTINUED UNDER PRESENT PROGRAM FUNDING LEVEL?

ANSWER - THOSE COURSES TRAINING PEOPLE FOR STAFF AND COMMAND POSITIONS AND FOR THE OPERATION AND REPAIR OF MUTUALLY OWNED DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. THERE IS NO GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HERE.

5D - QUESTION - WHAT TYPES OF TRAINING NOW OBTAINED FROM U.S. UNDER EITHER GRANT OR FMS CASH PURCHASES, WILL BE ABANDONED BY HOST MILITARY BECAUSE OF INCREASED COSTS?

ANSWER - ALL THREE SERVICES VACILLATE ON THIS QUESTION - GENERALLY SAYING THAT THE AMOUNT OF INCREASE IN COSTS VERSUS THEIR TRAINING DOLLARS WOULD DICTATE EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE WHICH TRAINING IS QTE LESS ESSENTIAL. END QTE

5E - QUESTION - WILL HOST COUNTRIES LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR EQUIVALENT TRAINING? IF SO, WHERE? WHAT IMPACT WOULD THIS HAVE ON MILITARY COMPETENCE, ON INTEREST IN U.S. MILITARY MATERIAL AND DOCTRINE, AND ON BILATERAL RELATIONS?

ANSWER - NO. U.S. TRAINING CANNOT BE DUPLICATED ELSEWHERE.  
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